

PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT

42 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Southern California:

Native Pink Bollworm (PBW) captures remained at zero in the Imperial Valley and Bard/Winterhaven area this week. There have been only 21 native moths captured to date, compared to 163 by the same time last year. This is an 87% reduction in native captures from 2008. The cumulative total to date for the Blythe/Palo Verde Valley area was 118 compared to 1,202 natives caught last year. This is a 90.2% reduction in native captures from 2008.

Sterile moth releases continue at the same rate. A grand total of 14,132,000 sterile moths have been released to date. A total of 2,349 sterile moths were trapped this week. The season total of sterile moths recaptured so far this year is 28,145 sterile moths.

San Joaquin Valley:

All of the traps have been installed and numbered. There are a total of 2,677 traps in the San Joaquin Valley. This is down 22.3% from the 3,445 traps in 2008. A total of 8,876,196 sterile moths were received and released this week, bringing the season total to 87,768,472. The Shafter Identification Lab examined 199 traps this week and identified 7,110 sterile moths. A native pink bollworm moth was found in Fresno County. Sterile moth releases began the following release day on the new Fresno County find site. Sterile releases will continue through the month of September.

Sacramento Valley:

The latest heat unit projections indicate mapping and trapping will begin in early September. Sutter County reports 730 acres of cotton planted this year. This is up slightly from 585 acres in 2008. They have supplied the Pink Bollworm Program with maps of the cotton locations. Glenn County has reported that they have cotton planted this year, and will provide acreage totals and maps of cotton locations next week. Colusa County reports that they have no cotton planted this year, as does Tehama County.